Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): For the purpose of building a House or Press or something like that, I believe.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): Is it for any charitable purpose that this is given to him?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): It was a donation made by His Highness.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): May I know what are the considerations when granting donations or contributions like this to parties?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): It is entirely left to the discretion of His Highness. I am not in a position to explain this.

S. I. Ry. IN COCHIN STATE—TERMS REGARDING.

171. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon (*Cranganur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the terms under which they are allowing the S. I. Ry. to run the Cochin State Railway;

(*b*) whether the Government exercises any check on the accounts relating to the Cochin State Railway?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) A copy of the agreement has already been placed on the Council Table.

(*b*) The accounts of the State Railway are being checked by the Government (of India) Examiner of Railway Accounts. The final accounts when received are also checked by the State Comptroller of Finance and Accounts.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon (*Cranganur*): May I know what are the final accounts received by the State?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): Statement of expenditure.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon (*Cranganur*): I want to know whether the accounts are being checked or whether the arithmetical accuracy of the statement alone is checked.

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): All the detailed accounts are in the Agent's Office at Trichinopoly and we do not check them generally. We can exercise more or less a general check from various statements and reports.

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